

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

IN RE:

Case Number 7:23-CV-897

CAMP LEJEUNE WATER LITIGATION

DECEMBER 3, 2025
STATUS CONFERENCE
BEFORE THE HONORABLE ROBERT B. JONES, JR.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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11:14:37AM 1 say they learned that offset information was inadvertently
11:14:40AM 2 not obtained.

11:14:42AM 3 We just had a whole period of reopened
11:14:44AM 4 discovery. So that's the part that I don't know how much was
11:14:47AM 5 inadvertently not already produced to us. And I guess we
11:14:52AM 6 won't know until --

11:14:53AM 7 THE COURT: And that's what's coming?

11:14:54AM 8 MS. BUTLER: On the 15th. But then also they
11:14:58AM 9 want -- they say, additional supplementation. This is the
11:15:02AM 10 last sentence of that paragraph. "Additional supplementation
11:15:06AM 11 will eventually be required up to and through the point of
11:15:08AM 12 any potential trial damages awards." So they want to be able
11:15:14AM 13 to exceed the damages.

11:15:17AM 14 So if we have to stop our Medicare claims 30
11:15:22AM 15 days before trial, they want to be able to continue to get an
11:15:26AM 16 offset beyond the amounts we are claiming. And it should be
11:15:33AM 17 tit for tat. It's to prevent a double recovery, not to allow
11:15:37AM 18 the Government to get a windfall.

11:15:39AM 19 THE COURT: Why can't you stipulate to this?

11:15:41AM 20 MS. BUTLER: We have tried. We have tried. We
11:15:45AM 21 have tried twice. We have sent multiple stipulations to the
11:15:48AM 22 Government, and that point has been declined for a
11:15:55AM 23 stipulation thus far.

11:15:56AM 24 THE COURT: It sounds like information is
11:15:57AM 25 forthcoming. This is to the Government. Do you all foresee

11:37:13AM 1 brewing discovery dispute on documents, I guess, at the VA.
11:37:30AM 2 But then there's another dispute on well are these categories
11:37:35AM 3 appropriately recoverable. Sounds like you need relief from
11:37:40AM 4 the bench on that. That's maybe a threshold issue. So you
11:37:46AM 5 may want to file a motion to get some clarification.

11:37:51AM 6 MS. BUTLER: There are a number of threshold
11:37:53AM 7 issues that --

11:37:53AM 8 THE COURT: If you can't stipulate to them.
11:37:55AM 9 Again --

11:37:56AM 10 MS. BUTLER: That's where the dispute is on
11:37:57AM 11 these threshold issues, and a lot of them are statutory
11:38:03AM 12 interpretation.

11:38:05AM 13 MR. CROMWELL: Which is something we can't
11:38:08AM 14 stipulate to.

11:38:10AM 15 MR. BELL: The medical care provided, it would
11:38:12AM 16 take away 50 percent of the problems. So we are working on
11:38:16AM 17 that one. I think it's something that, I mean, I know they
11:38:19AM 18 have asked us to show how that would work.

11:38:22AM 19 I think we tried to explain how it worked. That
11:38:25AM 20 if you all are claiming an offset, we ought to be able to
11:38:28AM 21 claim that same amount of medical coverage you are assuming
11:38:32AM 22 it's valued at as a damage on our side.

11:38:37AM 23 So we are at a very big disadvantage that they
11:38:42AM 24 have the ability to go in and say your treatment at the VA
11:38:46AM 25 for this year was worth \$100,000. We can't go to the VA and

11:38:51AM 1 ask for a bill to prove that the value of the services was
11:38:58AM 2 100 because they control that. And that's why we think it's
11:39:02AM 3 a wash. Whatever they think it's worth, we ought to be able
11:39:05AM 4 to put it over and that would save us a lot, a lot, a lot of
11:39:10AM 5 time.

11:39:11AM 6 Now the issue, for example, of future medical
11:39:17AM 7 expenses, that's something that could be decided without an
11:39:19AM 8 example. Tee it up pretty quickly. Lost wages. That's
11:39:23AM 9 something to be teed up pretty quickly as well.

11:39:27AM 10 I don't know. I'll check. I think your point
11:39:30AM 11 about the issue of out-of-pocket, I don't know the numbers
11:39:35AM 12 right now, but I will find that out. If there's something
11:39:38AM 13 that's not that big, we will work that out. In the scheme of
11:39:42AM 14 things, we don't want something like that.

11:39:45AM 15 THE COURT: You may want to file, if you need
11:39:46AM 16 some direction from the Court, file a motion on those.

11:39:51AM 17 MR. BELL: We will do that.

11:39:54AM 18 THE COURT: We kind of got off track. What
11:39:56AM 19 else?

11:39:56AM 20 MR. BELL: The last thing, Your Honor, we would
11:39:58AM 21 encourage the Court to invite the Department of Navy to come
11:40:02AM 22 to the Court and give us kind of an update on what the
11:40:07AM 23 Department of Navy is doing. I noticed in the status report
11:40:14AM 24 there is a significant number of people that have not given
11:40:19AM 25 the minimum information to the Department of Navy.